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## ACREAGE – JUNE 2019

### MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

Montana principal crop planted acreage, which includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for all hay, is down 3 percent from 2018 to 9.53 million acres, according to the June 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Montana **corn** producers planted 130,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 70,000 acres for grain, up from 68,000 acres harvested in 2018. This is an increase of 3 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage and a 13 percent increase in planted acreage for all purposes. **Oat** seedings are set at 60,000 acres, down 10,000 from last year, with producers planning to harvest 30,000 acres for grain, up 7,000 acres from acreage harvested for grain in 2018. **Barley** planted area, at 880,000 acres, is 11 percent more than last year's acreage. Expected harvested acres, at 705,000 acres, are 18 percent above 2018.

**Winter wheat** producers planted 1.95 million acres in the fall of 2018 for harvest in 2019, up from 1.65 million acres planted for the previous year's crop. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is up 280,000 acres from last year to 1.85 million acres. **Durum wheat** acres planted, at 600,000 acres, are down 240,000 acres compared with a year ago. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 585,000 acres, down from 775,000 acres harvested last year. **Spring wheat** seedings, at 2.60 million acres, are down 300,000 acres compared with a year ago. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 2.50 million acres, down from 2.82 million acres harvested last year.

The area to be harvested for **hay** is expected to be unchanged from a year ago at 2.90 million acres. **Alfalfa hay** harvested acreage is expected to increase 100,000 acres to 2.00 million acres and **all other hay** harvested acreage is expected to decrease 100,000 acres to 900,000 acres.

**Canola** growers planted an estimated 120,000 acres this year, unchanged from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 115,000 acres, down from 117,000 harvested in 2018. **Flaxseed** planted area, at 65,000 acres, is 26,000 acres above last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 58,000 acres, up 21,000 acres from last year. **Safflower** growers planted an estimated 30,000 acres this year, down 12,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 27,000 acres, down from 36,000 acres harvested in 2018.

**Sugarbeet** plantings decreased 1,400 acres from last year to 42,100 acres. The expected harvested area, at 41,900 acres, is 500 acres below last year. Acres planted to **chickpeas**, at 250,000 acres, are down 36 percent from last year with 243,000 acres expected to be harvested. **Small chickpeas** were planted on 50,000 acres, with 48,000 acres expected to be harvested, and **large chickpeas** were planted on 200,000 acres, with 195,000 acres expected to be harvested.

**Dry edible pea** growers planted an estimated 490,000 acres this year, up 155,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 455,000 acres, up from 310,000 acres harvested in 2018. **Lentil** planted area, at 320,000 acres, is 180,000 acres below last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 300,000 acres, down from 450,000 acres harvested last year.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn** planted area for all purposes in 2019 is estimated at 91.7 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acres are up or unchanged in 40 of the 48 estimating States. Area harvested for grain, at 83.6 million acres, is up 2 percent from last year.

Area seeded to **oats** for the 2019 crop year is estimated at 2.55 million acres, down slightly from 2018 for comparable States. Planted acreage is down or unchanged in 13 of the 23 major producing States compared with last year.

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**Barley** producers seeded 2.86 million acres of barley for the 2019 crop year, up 12 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, forecast at 2.33 million acres, is up 18 percent from 2018.

**All wheat** planted area for 2019 is estimated at 45.6 million acres, down 5 percent from 2018. This represents the lowest all wheat planted area on record since records began in 1919. The 2019 **winter wheat** planted area, at 31.8 million acres, is down 2 percent from last year but up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 22.7 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.54 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.55 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to **other spring wheat** for 2019 is estimated at 12.4 million acres, down 6 percent from 2018. Of this total, about 12.0 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. **Durum** planted area for 2019 is estimated at 1.40 million acres, down 32 percent from the previous year.

Producers intend to harvest 52.8 million acres of **all hay** in 2019, down less than 1 percent from 2018. If realized, this will represent the lowest total hay harvested area since 1908. The decrease in acreage is due to a 1 percent decrease in **all other hay** (excluding alfalfa) acreage compared to 2018. Acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** are expected to be up 1 percent compared with 2018.

**Canola** planted area of canola is estimated at 2.02 million acres in 2019, up 1 percent from last year's planted area and represents the second highest planted area on record for the Nation. Area planted to **flaxseed** in 2019 is estimated at 355,000 acres, up 147,000 acres, or 71 percent from 2018. The harvested area is forecast at 340,000 acres, up 142,000 acres, or 72 percent from last year. **Safflower** area planted is estimated at 153,000 acres in 2019, down 3 percent for comparable States in 2018. This is the second lowest planted area for the Nation since records began in 1991. Area for harvest is forecast at 145,500 acres, down 1 percent for comparable States from last year. This represents the third lowest harvested area on record, if realized.

Area planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2019 crop year is estimated at 1.13 million acres, up 1 percent from 2018. Harvested area is forecast at 1.11 million acres, up 1 percent from last year.

Area planted for **all chickpeas** for the 2019 crop year is estimated at 559,500 acres, down 35 percent from the previous year. Area harvested is forecast at 547,700 acres, 35 percent below 2018 and, if realized, the lowest total since 2016. Small chickpea area planted is estimated at 125,000 acres, down 44 percent from 2018. Area harvested for small chickpeas is forecast at 122,400 acres, a 44 percent decline from 2018. Area planted for large chickpeas in 2019 is estimated at 434,500 acres, a 32 percent decline from the previous year. Large chickpea area harvested is forecast at 425,300 acres, a 32 percent decline from 2018.

**Dry edible peas** area planted for the 2019 crop year is expected to total 1.03 million acres, up 20 percent from the previous season. Area harvested is forecast to total 972,000 acres, also up 20 percent from 2018.

**Lentils** area planted for the 2019 crop year is estimated at 535,000 acres, down 31 percent from 2018. Area forecasted to be harvested, at 508,000 acres, is down 29 percent from the 2018 season.

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